

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Application No. | : | 10/696,208 | Confirmation No. | 7298 |
| Applicant | : | Walton et al. | Customer No. | 23696 |
| Filed | : | October 29, 2003 | | |
| Art Unit | : | 2617 | | |
| Examiner | : | William D. Cumming | | |
| Docket No. | : | 010454D1 | | |

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 10, 2009

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two months and set to expire on August 10, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicants hereby petition for a 2-month extension of time to extend the three-month shortened statutory period for reply as set by the Examiner to cover the date this Response is filed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 17-0026 for the requisite 2-month extension fee of \$490.00.